

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated March 8, 2006. Independent claims 1, 7, 8 and 14 have been amended, in accordance with the agreement reached during an interview held February 23, 2006 with the Examiner, to clarify that the recited wireless interoffice facility is for carrying all types of traffic normally carried by the public switched telephone network (PSTN).

It is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance.

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TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 TO U.S. PATENT APPLICATION SER. NO. 09/848,048**

1 1. (Currently Amended) A microwave communication network that overlays a pub-
2 lic switched telephone network (PSTN) comprising:

3 a plurality of microwave transceivers forming a microwave network which over-
4 lays said public switched telephone network, said transceivers being geographically lo-
5 cated so as to provide a wireless interoffice facility (IOF) for carrying all types of traffic
6 normally carried by the PSTN between two or more central offices, tandem switches or
7 other premises controlled by an incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC).

1 7. (Currently Amended) A method of providing wireless bandwidth in a microwave
2 network which overlays a public switched telephone network (PSTN) comprising the
3 steps of:

4 (2) forming a microwave network from a plurality of microwave transceivers,
5 said microwave network overlaying said public switched telephone network;

6 (2) geographically arranging said transceivers so as to provide wireless interof-
7 fice facility (IOF) for carrying all types of traffic normally carried by the PSTN between
8 two or more central offices, tandem switches or other premises controlled by an incum-
9 bent local exchange carrier (ILEC).

1 8. (Currently Amended) A microwave communication network that overlays a pub-
2 lic switched telephone network (PSTN) comprising:

3 a plurality of microwave transceivers forming a microwave network which over-
4 lays said public switched telephone network, said transceivers being geographically lo-
5 cated so as to provide a wireless interoffice facility (IOF) for carrying all types of traffic
6 normally carried by the PSTN between one or more central offices, tandem switches or
7 other premises controlled by an incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC) and one or
8 more central offices, tandem switches or other premises controlled by a common carrier
9 other than said ILEC.

14. (Currently Amended) A method of providing wireless bandwidth in a microwave network which overlays a public switched telephone network (PSTN) comprising the steps of:

- (1) forming a microwave network from a plurality of microwave transceivers, said microwave network overlaying said public switched telephone network;
- (2) geographically arranging said transceivers so as to provide wireless interoffice facility (IOF) for carrying all types of traffic normally carried by the PSTN between one or more central offices, tandem switches or other premises controlled by an incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC) and one or more central offices, tandem switches or other premises controlled by a common carrier other than said ILEC.